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BARBADOS.

Quarantine against yellow fever.

BARBADOS, *May 15, 1897.*

SIR: In consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever at Panama that place and Colon have been declared infected within the provisions of the quarantine act of this island. Quarantine is also in force here against Rio de Janeiro, Pernambuco, and Para, the quarantine against Santos, Curaçoa, and Martinique having been removed. The public health of this island is excellent.

Yours, etc.,

JAS. SANDERSON,
Clerk Quarantine Board.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *May 3, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended May 1, 1897:

There were 3 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 6; 10 from yellow fever, an increase of 3; 16 from beriberi, an increase of 9; 6 from enteric fever, a decrease of 2; 44 from tuberculosis, an increase of 6; none from measles, 1 in the foregoing week, and 322 from all causes, an increase of 14.

The health of the town and port continues in its normal condition for the season.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected or received bills of health from this office: April 27, steamship *Stala*, British, for Baltimore, Md. April 28, steamship *Trojan Prince*, British, for New York, from Santos. April 29, ship *Canada*, British, for Norfolk, Va. April 30, steamship *Lombard*, British, for Sta. Lucia, West Indies; steamship *King Bleddyn*, British, from Santos, for New Orleans, La., and bark *Vasco de Gama*, Portuguese, for New Orleans, La. May 1, barkentine *Glad Tidings*, American, for Baltimore, Md., and steamship *Walvistoro*, British, for Fernandina, Fla.

Respectfully, yours,

R. CLEARY, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

JAPAN.

Smallpox and plague.

YOKOHAMA, *May 4, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan, for period April 23 to April 30, inclusive.

I beg leave to invite your attention to the decline of the epidemic of smallpox so far as its territorial distribution is concerned, although the daily average of cases is higher than at last return. This disease, which has been for so many months epidemic in Kobe, has now almost entirely disappeared from that city, but is, as you will note, still severely prevalent in Osaka, but a few miles distant. In Yokohama smallpox can scarcely now be said to be epidemic, and the few cases that occur are of a mild type.

The outbreak of plague in Formosa continues, and has spread from